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SUBJ: SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH U.S. LOS DELEGATION TEAM

LEADERS, AUGUST 13

1. THE SECRETARY MET WITH AMB. LEARSON, MR. OXMAN, MR. RATINER, AMB. CLINGAN, MR. LEITZELL, AND MR. BURTON ON AUGUST 13 FOR BRIEFINGS ON THE MAIN PROBLEMS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMITTEES.

2. MR. RATINER EXPLAINED THAT THE U.S. OBJECTIVE IN COMMITTEE I WAS TO PROTECT THE REVISED TEXT RESULTING FROM THE LAST SESSION. HE SAID THE MAJOR PROBLEM NOW WAS THAT EXTREMISTS SUCH AS INDIA, ALGERIA AND, MEXICO WERE DOMINATING THE GROUP OF 77 IN COMMITTEE I. HE SAID OUR MAIN TACTIC WAS TO ISOLATE THE EXTREMISTS AND ENCOURAGE THE MODERATES TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE COMMITTEE I NEGOTIATIONS.

3. AMB. CLINGAN SAID THE MAJOR REMAINING ISSUE IN COMMITTEE II WAS THE STATUS OF THE ECONOMIC ZONE. THE SECRETARY ASKED IF WE COULD LIVE WITH A SOLUTION WHICH DID NOT SPECIFY THE ZONE TO BE HIGH SEAS, BUT GAVE US THE SUBSTANTIVE EQUIVALENT. AMB. CLINGAN SAID YE.

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4. MR. LEITZELL SAID THE MAJOR PROBLEM IN COMMITTEE III

WAS THE REVISED TEXT ON SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. HE SAID
OUR OBJECTIVE WAS TO ELIMINATE THE OVERALL CONSENT
REGIME AND TO SPECIFY CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF RESEARCH,
SUBJECT TO COASTAL STATE CONSENT.

5. SECRETARY SAID HE WOULD APPROACH CERTAIN FOREIGN
LEADERS IF WE HAD CONCRETE PROPOSALS TO MAKE. HE SAID
HE WOULD WRITE TO PRESIDENT SADAT, PRESIDENT KENYATTA,
AND PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA.
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